

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SPACE CONSTRAINTS IN INDIAN EMBASSY IN QATAR

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Embassy in Qatar is facing many problems on account of lack of space;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government propose to tide over the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c) No Sir. The presently rented premises of the Indian Embassy in Doha, which have been occupied since 1987, provide sufficient space for the current staff strength of the Embassy. No problems have been faced in regard to office space of the Embassy for day-to-day functioning. Some space constraint has been faced in regard to the Consular Hall of the Embassy on days when they have a large number of visitors in connection with passport, consular, labour and visa work. To address such issues, the Government have approved construction of a new Embassy building, which has been designed keeping in mind our total requirements.